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*Frances Shaw*

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A soft gray wall of rain
  Shuts all the world away—
The voices of the toilers,
  The urgent thoughts of day.
As silence or as night
  It closes me about,
And shields me in a solitude
  That shuts the loud world out.

I care not for the sun
  Or where the winds blow free;
I love the folds of rain,
  The mist enclosing me.

*Frances Shaw*

## QUATRAIN

As old I am as that white, throbbing star,
  Young as these herbs of spring that quickly pass.
My soul goes up the pathway of the star,
  My feet go down the pathway of the grass.

*Anna Spencer Twitchell*